God - The Divine Being

The author speaks of the work of God in nature
- all the year as a progress - affected by His Spirit

'God' is really the correct translation in English
- intended the **Lord and Governor of Heaven**
- intended to express the same concept which our fathers expressed by God
- the Lord produces all things, the **author of prosperity and increase**
- speaks directly of God, speaks of all things following Him
- in words like those of the apostle Paul
    - **'God** Himself **cannot be seen; we see** Him in **the things He produces'**

'When we speak of **Spirit**, we mean the subtle **presence** and **operation** of God **with all things**.'
- 'The spirit here simply means God. God is the **personality** (literally the body or **substantiality**) of the Spirit;
- The Spirit is God in **operation**.
- He who is Lord over and **rules all things** is God
- The **subtle** presence and operation of God with all things is by His Spirit.

The Divine Being affording **a revelation of His will**
- assistance to the spiritual Intelligences
    - assisted by **an Intelligent spirit**
    - who, for their help, produced the **The Divining Plant**
        - perhaps this means no more than figures made to hold the mirror up to nature
            - so that men, by the study of them would understand more of the **unseen and spiritual operations**
            - to which the **phenomena** around them were owing
    - the figures are given a name, expressive of the **idea** (some moral, social, or political truth)
        - short essays, **symbolically expressed**, on important themes (mostly of moral, social, and political character)
        - (the five elements: water, fire, wood, metal, earth are not referenced here and were not made to indicate them)
        - the written characters are not representative of words, but **symbols of ideas**
            - the combination of them is not a representation of what the writer would say, but of what he thinks
                - a **participation of thoughts** - the seeings of **mind to mind**
                - to express the meaning of the original as exactly and concisely as possible

Writings dating roughly between 3322 B.C., to 1122 B.C., 722-564 B.C., etc)

- except the books of the Pentateuch, Joshua and Judges
- an equal antiquity cannot be claimed for any portion of our Sacred Scriptures